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Rep. Fossella Helps Win Third Bus Depot for Staten Island

Bus Depot is First Step in Increasing Express Bus Service

After more than a decade of battles, Congressman Vito



Fossella today announced an agreement to build a third bus depot on Staten Island. This huge victory represents the first step in expanding express bus service across Staten Island.

Fossella has been lobbying the Mayor, Governor and MTA for several years to build the depot. He dramatically raised the stakes earlier this year when he secured \$10 million in federal funding for the project -- the first time ever that federal dollars would be available for this critical project.



Fossella has been working with Angelo Tanzi and the ATU to build a 3rd bus depot on Staten Island.

Fossella said, "This victory belongs to the commuters of Staten Island. We have fought for more than a decade to secure funding for this bus depot. It has been a constant battle to convince the MTA that the depot is essential to expanding express bus service across Staten Island. I showed my own commitment to this project by securing \$10 million in federal funding this year to construct the depot. I have spoken with Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Pataki on numerous occasions to secure this agreement. I am delighted that our hard work has paid off and that funding is now in place to make the third bus depot a reality. I want to thank Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Pataki for agreeing to this request to help improve the daily commute for Staten Islanders. I also want to extend my thanks to Angelo Tanzi and the ATU, along with Councilman Lanza, Borough President Molinaro, Assemblyman Ignizio and MTA Board Member Frank Powers, all of whom played key roles in this victory."